

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DAVID ROUZER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 4, 2020*

Mr. ROUZER. Madam Speaker, due to travel with the Vice President on July 29, 2020 in North Carolina, I was not able to be in the Chamber and present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 168; NAY on Roll Call No. 169; YEA on Roll Call No. 170; NAY on Roll Call No. 171; and NAY on Roll Call No. 172.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 4, 2020*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I was not in attendance to cast votes on consideration of the Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Homeland Security, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2021 (H.R. 7617) and the related amendments. Had I been present, I would have vote YEA on Roll Call No. 174; YEA on Roll Call No. 175; NAY on Roll Call No. 176; NAY on Roll Call No. 177; and YEA on Roll Call No. 178.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

### HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 4, 2020*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, today I rise because the country has lost a true American hero. A giant whose sacrifices and relentless pursuit of equality paved the road for so many of us who stand here now.

One of the greatest honors of my life was serving with Congressman Lewis. Occasionally, I'd have the privilege of walking with him to this very Chamber. Along the way, there wasn't a single Capitol employee whom he didn't greet effusively, and often by name. Put simply, he was a truly generous, humble and decent man.

We find ourselves in times when we must struggle not only for the safety of our communities, but also the soul of our nation.

But as Mr. Lewis said, "Freedom is not a state; it is an act . . . it is the continuous action we all must take, and each generation must do its part to create an even more fair, more just society."

It is, indeed, difficult times like this for which we are made—times when we must embody

the spirit and drive for freedom in every one of our actions.

Our fight continues while Mr. Lewis has earned his rest, and we benefit always from his life-long example and the paths he forged for each of us.

From an indebted nation, thank you to Mr. Lewis for his endearing spirit and example.

## HONORING FREDERICK WILLIAM RUSTEBERG

### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 4, 2020*

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the extraordinary life of Frederick William Rusteberg of Brownsville, Texas. Mr. Rusteberg played an instrumental role in the economic and educational development of the Brownsville community.

Born in Brownsville, Texas, on July 1, 1946, Mr. Rusteberg attended Brownsville High School and then Texas A&M University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance. He later attended Texas Tech University, where he completed his graduate studies and met his future wife, Frances Hill.

In his youth he trained as a Huey helicopter pilot and served in the U.S. Army as a First Lieutenant in South Korea. He later returned to Brownsville where he worked as the assistant Port Director at the Port of Brownsville. He then went on to become the Vice-President at First National Bank, and in 1984, became the founding President and CEO of IBC Bank in Brownsville, where he served for over 35 years until his retirement.

Mr. Rusteberg was not only a successful businessman; he was also a respected leader in his community. He served on many academic and city boards throughout his career where he helped to build the city of Brownsville's economy and raise millions of dollars to support education in the Rio Grande Valley. His family established the first scholarship endowment at the University of Texas at Brownsville, now known as the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. Rusteberg was a man of great character who helped inspire and motivate those around him. In an interview with UT Brownsville Mr. Rusteberg said, "I believe we have a certain amount of control over our destiny—you can either sit by and watch things happen, or you can help make them happen." Mr. Rusteberg made great things happen.

Mr. Rusteberg is survived by his loving wife Frances, his children William (Tammy) Rusteberg and Liz Rusteberg (Chad) Hainley, his two grandchildren Jessie and William Hainley, and his sisters Joy (Bill) Burns and June (Adolph) Dittman.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Frederick William Rusteberg. He will be remembered as a great banker, a great boss, a great mentor

and a great friend. He was a fundamental part of the South Texas community and his legacy will forever be remembered. I join his family in honoring his exemplary life.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS IMPROVE- MENT ACT OF 2020

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 4, 2020*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Courts Improvement Act of 2020. This bill would make several important changes to improve the operations of the D.C. Courts.

First, this bill would remove the consent requirement for D.C. Superior Court magistrate judges in certain situations. Currently, consent from the parties involved is required for a magistrate judge to perform duties in the Civil, Criminal and Probate Divisions of the Superior Court. Removing this requirement from the Civil and Probate Divisions in certain matters will further the efficiency of the judicial process. The bill also authorizes magistrate judges to issue search and arrest warrants and gives all magistrate judges contempt authority.

Next, the bill updates several aspects of juror service in the Superior Court. First, it ties Superior Court juror pay to the pay jurors receive in federal court. Currently, the Board of Judges of the Superior Court has authority to set the pay of jurors, but it is capped at the rate paid to federal jurors. Despite this, Superior Court jurors are currently paid less than federal jurors. The bill also modernizes juror summonses by allowing jurors to complete the questionnaire electronically, which will save the court money on postage and staff time. The bill further allows jurors who are 70 years old or older to be excused from jury service if the individual so chooses.

The bill also makes improvements for the employees of the courts. D.C. Courts non-judicial employees and Public Defender Service (PDS) employees are deemed to be federal employees for the purposes of early retirement provisions in federal law, but the Courts and PDS do not currently have the permanent authority to make voluntary separation incentive payments or "buyouts"—to employees who separate by voluntary retirement or by resignation, unlike the authority possessed by federal executive and judicial branches. The D.C. Courts and PDS currently have this authority in fiscal year 2020 under the fiscal year 2020 District of Columbia Appropriations bill, but this bill would provide permanent authority.

Next, this bill allows the D.C. Courts to pay attorneys appointed to represent indigent defendants in criminal proceedings and indigent children in delinquency and need of supervision proceedings up to the amount currently allowed in federal court. The D.C. Courts' current rate has not been updated in eight years,

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